

REMARKS

Claims 12 and 16-22 are pending in the present application after cancellation of claims 13-15.

In response to the Examiner's objections to informalities contained in claims 12 and 19, Applicants have made appropriate corrections to eliminate the informalities.

In response to the Examiner's indication that claims 15-17 contain allowable subject matter, Applicants have amended claim 12 to incorporate the features of claims 13-15 (thereby essentially rewriting claim 15 in independent form including the features of base claim 12 and intervening claims 13-14). In addition, claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of base claim 12. Furthermore, independent claims 19 and 21 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter now contained in currently amended claim 12.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 12, 16, 19 and 21, as well as their dependent claims 17, 18, 20 and 22, are in allowable condition. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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